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(Remarks)

Each cited literature describes telephone communications between a LAN and a routing switch. The structuring so that the overall control is done using a control bus, the control method, and the details of the services have no particular distinctive characteristics.

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List of Cited Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-1. 111692

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Respectfully submitted,

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